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every intelligent philanthropist who has studied the question of the treatment of the insane. Outside of New-York the public sentiment in favor of State care is practically unanimous. The replies to the letters of inquiry sent out by the State Charities Aid Society establish this fact.

There is no politics in this beneficent movement, and no attempt is made to oppose it on high, unselfish ground. It failed last year, but

That provision of the present law under which commitments may be annulled by the Supreme Court supplies every essential safeguard. The effect of the proposed law would be to restore many of the unfortunate wards of the State to the unmerciful hands of brutal parents and guardians. The bill before the Assembly provides for a rehearing of facts upon application within thirty days. Doubtless those who honestly favor this measure suppose that this brief time limit will afford ample protection to the best interests of the child. They do not reflect how complete a metamorphosis a month of care and comfort is capable of producing in a half-starved, maltreated boy or girl. Many of the children who are sent from poor but kind homes into the country by THE TRUSTEES Fresh-Air Fund return at the age

Two iron furnaces in Pennsylvania have stopped production during the last week, and manufacturers say, in their appeal for lower railroad rates, that under present circumstances many other

the "Admiral of the Blues." He was born April 1